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My dear Mr Watson

I write to thank
you for the copy of your
recent Botanical Contribution
No XIII. I do enjoy getting
such things. There is a subtle
enjoyment in cutting the
pages and looking over what
the real workers in the
science are doing. Now is this
I imagine altogether free
from a certain degree of
"personal conceit — "I too am
a" — botanist, at least up to the
point of appreciation, the
achievements of others!

I am glad to learn that my friend and correspondent Mr. Buer is engaged upon a monograph of the Salices. He brings to the work admirable qualifications and a conscientious spirit and has at hand the ample facilities afforded by access to the old herbaria of Europe.

He directs me to forward care of Dr. Gray any specimens which I may wish to send him hereafter and this leads me to ask - will you send him the Willows of Dr. Gray's herb. and if so when?

By the way, how can I best get a pkg of Salices promised by a correspondent in Lapland

Dr. Hakansson of Peter - by express or otherwise? This collection was made for me mainly the illustration European forms of S. glauca. S. laurata &c and enable a critical comparison to be made therewith of allied forms from sub-arctic America.

You see from this that I have not altogether abandoned the expectation of attempting one of these days a revision of our glaucous Willows.

Yours very truly,
B. S. P.